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CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

FIRST DISTRICT.

At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee for the First Congressional District of West Virginia, held at Wheeling, August 11, 1886, it was ordered:
That a Convention of the Republicans of the First Congressional District of West Virginia be called to meet at Weston, W. Va., on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1886, for the purpose of placing in nomination a Republican candidate for Congress in said District, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the Convention.
The Republican papers of the First District are respectfully requested to publish this call.
G. R. CALDWELL, Chairman.
O. G. FORTNEY, Secretary.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
N. E. WHITTAKER,
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WILLIAM S. MEKE,
EDWARD M. ATKINSON.

Earthquake Theories.

The scientists are catching a good drubbing in many newspapers on account of their theories in regard to the causes of earthquakes. It is very plain that they attempt to conceal a certain amount of ignorance in the mass of verbiage and technical phrases of their statements.
Mr. T. P. Roberts, of Pittsburgh, comes to the front with a new theory that all the violent disturbances come from the earth's center.
Many instances can be cited where the effect of earthquake shocks have been felt simultaneously at points very remote from each other. Thus an earthquake in Chili in 1835 was felt simultaneously at the island of Juan Fernandez, 720 miles distant. New Madrid and Caracas, points 3,000 miles apart, felt the shock of March 24, 1812, at the same moment. An earthquake in Colombia in 1827 was felt on the opposite side of the earth in the Ochotilla Mountains at the same time. These facts have been noticed by Milne, Mallet and other authorities, but they have dismissed this phase of the subject without much consideration, believing that when very distant points have been simultaneously shaken that it was merely an accidental coincidence that several earthquakes should be felt over the earth at the same time.
In the face of this accumulating evidence Mr. Roberts begs to dissent that these are mere coincidences. He says in substantiation of his own theory:
But if we grant—as we think it should be granted—that these simultaneous quakes over very extensive regions originate from one common center of disturbance, we are brought to face new questions, to account for their origin and establish the location of their seat of action. The generally accepted theory is that the earth has a crust from 50 to 200 miles thick resting upon a fluid mass which fills the entire spheroid, and that when an earthquake disturbs that crust at any point its effect is propagated by undulations to more or less distant regions; and there is no doubt that many earthquake movements have so propagated themselves. Thus in the Lisbon earthquake of 1755, which disturbed an area four times greater than the whole of Europe, being felt from Germany to our great lakes, and southward to the Madagascars and West India Islands, by actual time observations the vibrations traveled at 20 miles per minute, or 1,200 miles per hour. But, as before said, the shock of the recent earthquake over an area probably as large was felt everywhere almost at the same moment.
We grant that the velocity of earthquake pulsations is twenty miles per minute, how, then, can we account for the simultaneous shocks of this earthquake? The answer appears to me to be simple. There is only one point within a radius of 100 miles from the center of the earth, the center of the earth. So, on the theory that the seat of the disturbance was at or near the center of the earth, only one account for the simultaneousness of the shocks.
There are as many reasons to believe that the earth is solid to the center as there is to believe that it is a molten mass over which a crust 50 to 100 miles thick, it is scarcely worth while to mention them, however, seeing that opinions rest upon speculative ideas. The truth is, there is nothing in the way of a solid earth, which is little in positively known as the cause of earthquakes—it is all speculation. On the assumption that the earth is a cavernous solid, or entirely solid to its center we would have a different mode of explaining the movement of the earth from the center to the surface than if we assumed it to be a liquid mass; and the writer merely desires to call attention to the fact that, with either hypothesis, the rate of the movement would be the same in any direction through the mass over equal distances, provided, of course, the substance traversed by the shocks was homogeneous. Earthquakes from the earth's center upon reaching the surface might follow with more violent cracks in the geological strata, according to their nature, in a series of secondary waves, and thus give rise to all the minor and discordant phenomena so confusing and difficult to explain, such as upheavals of coasts in some parts and subsidence in others.
Mr. Roberts further claims that astronomical, electrical and meteorological phenomena play an important part in some earthquakes, and should not be ignored in their study. In illustrating this he says:
It is not infrequent to hear of a rise of one inch in the barometer in one part of the earth, and a corresponding depression of an inch in another part of the earth. This would be equivalent to one-thirtieth of the atmosphere's weight removed from one part and piled up upon another. In other words, we would have a proportion of 20 to 31 for the difference in the gross weight over the respective areas, or 144 pounds per square foot on one greater than upon the other. This applied to the vast area involved in the recent earthquake, say 5,000 miles long by 1,000 miles wide, there might have been 2,000,000 tons per square mile more at atmospheric weight in the eastern than in the western half. The figure for the entire area is beyond our conception.
In making this planer Mr. Roberts takes a homely example to verify the above. When a ripe watermelon is press

ed on heavily cracks of disruption are heard in its center. "Such immense weights," he says, "brought to bear on the earth's surface, destroying a previous equilibrium of pressure, must also tend to create intense heat, if nothing else, in that neighborhood, and then may come chemical and electrical reactions, possibly displaying themselves in antipodal lines or entirely through the earth, as in the case mentioned, and whose effects will not be dissipated until gradually all the disturbing forces are brought to rest into equilibrium. The heat may become so intense as to melt the interior rocks in places, and thus may originate our volcanoes, which may be properly considered relief valves."

BREAKFAST BUDGET.

At a point of southeastern Florida the water is 19,170 feet deep.
The new silver certificates, it is declared, will be the finest paper money ever issued.
The Pacific coast now produces yearly 1,500,000 cases of canned goods, worth \$1,500,000.
The Armours are about to put up an immense warehouse in Birmingham, Ala., to distribute their goods through the South.
O. W. Jones, of Richmond, Mich., has a 985 pound Poland-China hog at the Iowa State fair. The animal is eight feet long and a couple (Canada) correspondents allege that a young marksmen of that place at 500 yards struck squarely the head of a pin stuck in the center of a common envelope.
This has been a poor season for insects, according to the New York State Entomologist, J. A. Lintner. He says that not nearly as many are to be found this year as last.
Confined in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, according to the St. Louis Democrat, are forty-five prisoners awaiting the Governor's signature to the death warrants.
The present condition of the shipping trade at Glasgow is the worst on record. Thirty-four steamers and twenty-three sailing vessels are rotting in their docks, having been idle some two years.
Two hunting dogs belonging to Essex Payne, of Central, were bitten by a rattlesnake. Their owner made them drink a strong decoction of green cockle-bush boiled in sweet milk and thus saved their lives.
The Columbia (S. O.) Register says that a resident of that city who has been years walking on crutches on account of rheumatism, abandoned his crutches during the earthquake on Tuesday night, and went out into the yard like a young colt. He now gets about very well without crutches.
A TRIUMPH OF SKILL.
A Large Hotel in Boston and its Occupants Moved Without Injury.
Scientific American.
At a recent meeting of the Engineers' Club of Philadelphia, the secretary read a detailed description of the moving of the Hotel Pelham, at Tremont and Boylston streets, Boston, for the purpose of widening Tremont street. The hotel is built of freestone and brick, ninety-six and sixty-nine feet frontage. The Boylston street wall is supported on eight granite columns, twelve feet high, three and four feet square. There is a basement and seven stories above the sidewalk. Height, above tramways on which it was moved, ninety-six feet. Weight, five tons, exclusive of furniture, which was not disturbed during the removal, as also were not the occupants of the stores on the first floor and some of the rooms, the various pipe connections being kept up with flexible tubes. Careful experiments with models showed that if the lower part of the building was firmly braced there was no danger of shifting in the parts above. The general arrangement consisted of a heavy and substantial stone and brick quarter turn of iron rails and rollers, and the building was forced to its new position by fifty-six screws, two inches in diameter, half inch pitch, operated by hand against timbers arranged to uniformly distribute the pressure against the building. Much care and ingenuity were displayed in the details in the arrangement and work. Two months and twenty days were required in the preparation. The moving itself was begun on August 21, and finished on August 25, but the actual time of moving was but thirteen hours and forty minutes. The greatest speed was two inches in four minutes. The hotel moved about one-eighth of an inch at a quarter turn of the screws. The whole distance moved was thirteen feet ten inches. Four thousand and three hundred and fifty-one days' labor was required for the work. The whole cost was about \$30,000. This is the largest building that has ever been removed, although larger ones have been raised, which latter is a much simpler and much less risky operation. The complete success of this undertaking is shown by the fact that cracks, which existed in the walls prior to removal, were not changed by the operation. Paper was pasted over them before commencing, that any change might be seen.

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"Well, how do you like our bathing conveniences?" said a proprietor of a bathing house at one of our principal seaside resorts.
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"Indeed, I am sorry; everything else was all right, wasn't it?"
"No; the apartment into which you sent me to dress was very wet and dark; the mirror was cracked, and I was very much annoyed by rats."
"I am very sorry, I assure you, Mr. Bangs. I hope you found no other vexations?"
"Well, no; only your towel was wet, your comb contained only two teeth, standing apart in isolated sections at each end of the comb, and the man in the next apartment reached over and stole my watch."
"Well, I am sorry, indeed. Then there is nothing connected with my establishment worthy of praise?"
"O, yes, Mr. Bangs, you have a very fine ocean attached to your bathing establishment; indeed, sir, you can compare your bathing suit on having one of the best oceans in this vicinity. A very good ocean—a first-class ocean, sir!"

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